

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Applicants thank the Examiner for total consideration given the present application. Claims 1-12 are pending prior to the Office Action. Claims 13-27 have been added and through this reply. Therefore, claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1, 12, and 25 are independent. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims in light of the remarks presented herein, and earnestly seek timely allowance of all pending claims.

### **OFFICIAL ACTION**

#### **Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

Claims 1-4, 7-10, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated over Kaplan et al. (U.S. Patent 5,488,719). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

For a Section 102 rejection to be proper, the cited reference must teach or suggest each and every claimed element. *See M.P.E.P. 2131; M.P.E.P. 706.02*. Thus, if the cited reference fails to teach or suggest one or more elements, then the rejection is improper and must be withdrawn.

In this instance, Kaplan et al. fails to teach or suggest each and every claimed element.

#### **Claim Feature Not Taught**

Independent claims 1 and 12 recite, *inter alia*, “designating a type of the character information provided as the result of said character recognition processing... wherein the type

being at least one of a url address, an email address, a phone number, or a name.” *Emphasis*

*added.* Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Kaplan et al. merely teaches a character recognition system, however, Kaplan et al. only defines a “character type” as a category of which a character may be an instance, such as the letter “a” or the number “3” (col. 5 lines 19-23). Therefore, Kaplan et al. does not teach or suggest “designating a type of the character information provided as the result of said character recognition processing... wherein the type being at least one of a url address, an email address, a phone number, or a name.”

Dependant claims 2-4 and 7-10 are allowable for the deficiencies of the Kaplan et al. reference for independent claims 1 and 12 as set forth above.

#### **Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 5, 6, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Kaplan et al. in view of Shin et al. (U.S. Patent 6,269,260). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The deficiencies of the Kaplan et al. reference were discussed above and the Office Action does not rely on Shin et al. to teach the features asserted above for patentability. Further, Shin et al. does not make up for the deficiencies of the Kaplan et al. reference. In sum, the references of Kaplan et al. and Shin et al., individually or in any combination, do not teach the deficiencies of the Kaplan reference as discussed above.

Conclusion

Therefore, for at least these reasons, all claims are believed to be distinguishable over the combination of Kaplan et al. and Shin et al., individually or in any combination. It has been shown above that the cited references, individually or in combination, may not be relied upon to show at least these features. Therefore, claims 1-12 are distinguishable over the cited references.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

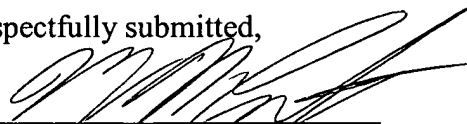
Applicants respectfully request that the claims 1-27 be allowed.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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